

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

At page 5, please replace the last full paragraph at line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

An example of a characteristic map is shown in figure 1. The isentropic displacement height is plotted versus the operational volume in a rectangular array. The characteristic map of the compressor assembly displays the relationship of the operational volume, i.e., the flow through the compressor assembly (in cubic meters per hour) versus with the displacement height, i.e., with the pressure (in joules per kilogram) at various rotational speeds. The respective operating point is located inside the characteristic map. Certain lines are defined, such as pump protection line, maximum efficiency line and rotational speed lines.